

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to include the State Fire Marshal (SFM), and State Fire Marshal deputies, to the same definition as firefighters.

Our SFM and his deputies are exposed to the same horrific events as others who already fit the definition. In many cases, they are on the scene at the same time as firefighters and have the duty to determine the cause of explosion or fire that led to the fatalities. They can often be exposed to the same difficult and emotionally distressing situations for a longer period of time than other fire personnel.

Further, by including the SFM and his deputies in the definition of firefighter we provide uniformity and a potential career path for firefighters. The current standard would require a firefighter to reduce employment benefits to become a SFM, or a SFM Deputy.

### FISCAL NOTE

There should be no fiscal impact to the general fund or any other fund. Projections originally estimated to workers comp cost for adding Post Traumatic Distress Stress for firefighter were much less than expected. In fact, we have not seen any additional cost.

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